FISCAL NOTE

HB 2649 - SB 2651

February 15, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires law enforcement to take DNA sample from any person arrested for a violent felony, attempt to commit aggravated burglary or especially aggravated burglary. Requires DNA samples to be stored by Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). Creates procedure for destroying DNA samples in cases in which there is a dismissal of charges or an acquittal.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$925,300 Recurring \$898,500 One-Time

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000*

Assumptions:

- Local law enforcement will see an increase in the number of DNA samples they will be required to take from persons arrested for these offenses.
- The one-time increase in expenditures for the TBI reflects the building space, land and office equipment that will be needed for the additional lab and office space. According to the TBI, the existing headquarters does not have any unused space and a new building would be required. This bill requires the TBI to store the DNA samples.
- The recurring increase in expenditures reflects the salaries and benefits for six additional positions, travel, supplies, and other related expenses. Also included in this cost are the additional professional services for the DNA sample analysis, as well as, State fees for various services.
- Licensed phlebotomists and other qualified personnel would be needed by the local governments in order to collect the required DNA samples.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director